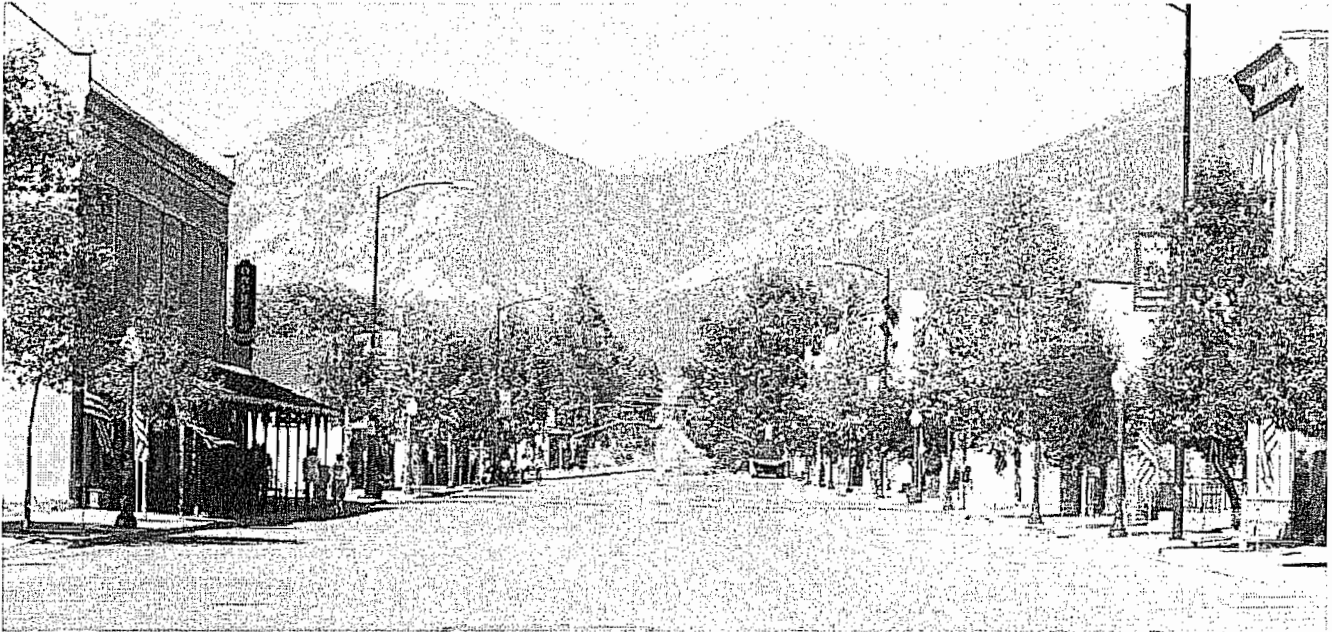


Welcome To Buena Vista, Colorado



Introduction: Buena Vista, offering the best of Colorado, is a mix of quiet mountain community and a vital tourist town known for its friendly people bound together by a love of the outdoors, clean-air and small-town living. Located in central Colorado on the Arkansas River, surrounded by 360 degrees of breathtaking mountain views, Buena Vista enjoys a mild year around climate, with winter's ranging from highs in the 50's, to lows in the teens and summers ranging from the 80's to low 50's. Buena Vista, Spanish for "Good View" is truly "8,000 feet above average." Check It Out & Get Going In Buena Vista.

Location & Transportation: Buena Vista, located near the center of Colorado on Highway 24, is 125 miles southwest of Denver and 94 miles west of Colorado Springs, with Aspen 63 miles northwest over Independence Pass. Bus rides to and from

Denver can be arranged with Black Hills Stage Lines, with a connecting bus to Denver International Airport. DIA and the Colorado Springs Airport rent four-wheel drive and other vehicles for the scenic drive to Buena Vista. Central Colorado Regional Airport, located in Buena

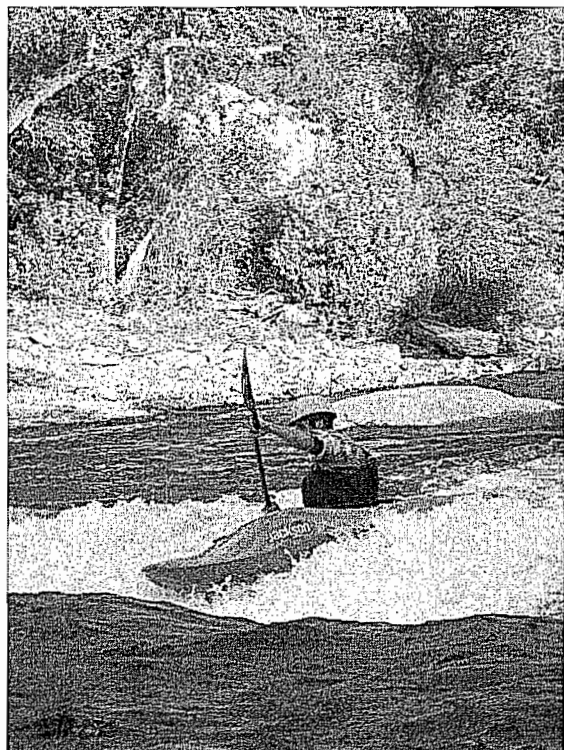


Vista has a runway of 8,300 feet, one of the longest in the state and is actively improving the airport for new business ventures.

Business & Industry: The largest single employer in Buena Vista is the Buena Vista Correctional Complex, a medium security state prison. Most businesses have less than 10 employees. There are four banks and a number of investment companies here as well. With high-speed

Internet available, there is a growing interest in home-based businesses. Recently an organic farm, a goat and cheese farm, a brewery and a whiskey distillery have been added to our coffee roastery that has been here awhile. All are part of our "home grown" push for the area. Tourism is very important to Buena Vista. The population swells in the summer when the summer residents and summer employees arrive.

Online: The Buena Vista Chamber's official website is www.buenavistacolorado.org. The site has links to many sites both local and county. Mobile apps and websites are being developed to assist you while you are here. Most of our restaurants and coffee shops, as well as the library offer free WiFi. Better broadband service has come to the area recently and continues to improve.



Tourism: White water rafting and kayaking are two of the main activities that draw people to the area during the summer months. The whitewater park at the end of East Main is the longest one in the nation

and continues to have features developed. A new river walk that parallels the river is a great addition. The Arkansas River provides up to Class V rapids.



Hiking and mountain bike trails abound through the area, and four wheeling and exploring historic mining towns are other favorite pastimes. Soaking in hot springs is available all year. Hunting begins in August and goes through early winter. Winter allows for snowmobiling the Continental Divide, cross-country skiing and downhill skiing at nearby locations. A full calendar of events including rodeos, concerts, car shows, motorized events, footraces, bicycle events and even burro races keeps the community active. Artist receptions and shows, and concerts in the park are available on a regular basis or can be set up for special groups. There are several new "live music" venues that add to the night life in Buena Vista. A variety of lodging businesses from campgrounds to dude ranches and resorts

offer something for everyone. Fast food to fine dining is also available.



Buena Vista is a favorite area for history buffs. Buena Vista Heritage, the local historic association, is at the heart of the Heritage Tourism in Buena Vista. Four properties provide a backdrop for "historical" experiences - from old-fashioned celebrations to settings for wedding and reunions. The Buena Vista Heritage Museum was the original Chaffee County Court House and houses a model railroad that depicts the area around 1900. The Historic Turner Farm opened in 2005 where people can step back into 1910 and experience life on an apple farm. The Railroad Depot and an historic caboose have been relocated to McPhelimy Park and house a railroad and transportation museum. The old school house in St. Elmo (one of the best preserved historic mining towns) and the St. Elmo Town Hall are also Buena Vista Heritage properties.

Buena Vista is part of the Collegiate Peaks Scenic Byway. This runs from north of Buena

Vista along Highway 24 to South of Salida along Highway 285 and Highway 50 and connects to other Scenic Byways.

Homes: Buena Vista's "Banana Belt" weather continues to draw new residents to the area. Coupled with the area's many recreational activities that allow for that healthy life style, and the proximity to Colorado Springs and Denver, BV is becoming a big draw for baby boomers choosing a spot for retirement and/or a second home. There are several new subdivisions in and around town, with lots ranging from less than 1 acre to over 5 acres.! The South Main River Park project is a new urbanism community that mixes business and residential buildings and is adjacent to the Arkansas River and the whitewater park. And from everywhere, you see the majestic Collegiate Peaks: Mt. Princeton, Mt. Yale, Mt. Columbia and Mt. Harvard.

Shopping: Buena Vista has independent antiques & specialty stores, art galleries, and gift stores as well as the practical building supply and auto supply stores. Because of our emphasis on outdoor recreation, we also have several stores that specialize in outdoor sporting goods. We also have a farmer's market in the summer. Chain stores include True Value Hardware, ALCO (discount store), Family Dollar Store, Subway, Carquest, and Napa Auto Parts. We also have 2 grocery stores: City Market, and Nature's Pantry (a health food store). One of the most important things the community is doing is promoting "buy local" to support our local businesses.

Recreation: Buena Vista has many outdoor activities that are available in our area. There are more than ten 14,000-foot peaks near Buena Vista offering camping and hiking. Fishing is popular all year round, including fly-fishing on the river, fishing the high mountain lakes and ice fishing in the winter. Four wheeling and snowmobiling are

popular as well. Our city parks include playground equipment, tennis courts, a baseball field, basketball courts, a soccer field, a new skateboard park, a pump park and a volleyball court. Bicycle trails have been designated through out town. The golf course is a 9-hole course with beautiful views of the mountains. There are many clubs and organizations that offer social interaction.

Schools: Ranked as one of the top seven schools in Colorado, the Buena Vista Public School District serves about 1000 students. Special Education programs are available at all levels, as well as a Head Start program for Preschoolers. Chaffee County High School is the alternative high school serving both Salida and Buena Vista. It continues to produce successful results. Darren Patterson Christian Academy is a private school, which serves Preschool-12 grades. Colorado Mountain College (CMC) has a welcoming facility just west of the airport. CMC offers a variety of associate degrees, career and technical certifications and many special interest classes. Core courses transfer to 4-year colleges. New technology has allowed CMC to expand its services. In 2006, our new library opened with expanded services and a meeting area.

Healthcare: The Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center in Salida and St. Vincent Hospital in Leadville serve the county. The HRRMC opened a new state of the art hospital in April of 2008. There are two clinics in town and five doctors. Visiting doctors and therapists allow for a good variety of treatment in Buena Vista or at one of the hospitals. There are two pharmacies in town. 911 calls the ambulance, firemen or police for emergencies and there is Flight For Life for injuries or illnesses that cannot be handled locally. Public Health offers well-baby clinics, blood pressure clinics and a variety of other services. A new free Chaffee Peoples' Clinic was started in 2007. There

are two dentists in town and one optometrist. Chiropractors, massage therapists and an acupuncturist are also available. A natural health foods store provides herbs, vitamins, and a good variety of natural foods.